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Hongkong, December 29th, 1902. 2598

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Hongkong, December 6, 1902. 2513

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Hongkong, December 27, 1902. 2662

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Hongkong, December 10, 1902. 2547

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Hongkong, December 20, 1902. 2671

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Choice Assortment of
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Yours very truly,
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Hongkong, December 6, 1902. 2095

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Electrically Lighted Electric Passenger Elevator to each Floor. Table D'Hôte at Separate Tables.
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Hongkong, October 23, 1902. 2172

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THE Hongkong Civil Service Cricket Club is open for fixtures. Secretaries of Clubs are kindly requested to communicate with—
J. REIDIE,
Hon. Secretary,
Sanitary Hall, Bonham Road.
Hongkong, December 23, 1902. 2676

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.
ST. ANDREW'S BALL, 1902.
All outstanding claims against the 1902 Ball Account should be rendered before 1st JANUARY, 1903.
DAVID WOOD,
Hon. Secretary,
St. Andrew's Society,
Hongkong, December 23, 1902. 2674
NOTICE.
I BEG to notify the Public that I have from the 1st instant taken over the whole concern of "Au Too Maroo's TABLE."
The business is now carried on under the style or name of "THE CHUNG WAB STABLE."
THE CHUNG WAB STABLE, IU YUK KWAN, Sole Proprietor.
Hongkong, December 29, 1902. 2672
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MACDINNELL ROAD, from 12th January. Large, airy, and well-furnished Rooms. Uninterrupted View of Harbour.
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Hongkong, September 29, 1902. 222

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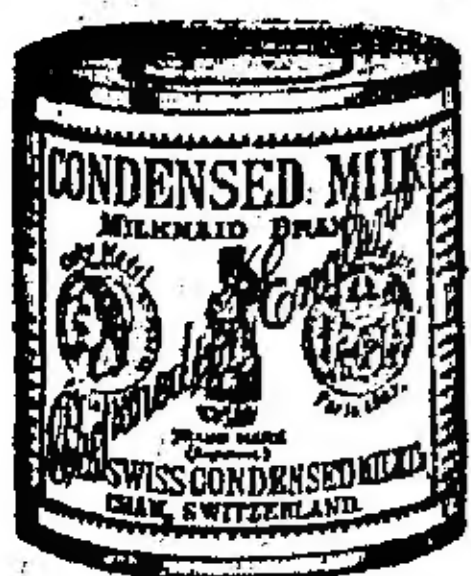
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Hongkong, December 15, 1902

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N. INUZUKA, Manager, Haag ng.

Hongkong, November 22, 1902. 1119

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Intimations.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transference of Public Business, on THURSDAY, the 1st January, 1903.

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,'

T. P. COCHRANE, Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,'

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

For 'The National Bank of China, Limited,'

GEO. W. P. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

For 'The Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,'

EVAN ORMISTON, Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Banque de l'Indo-Chine, Hongkong Agency,'

G. MAYER, Acting Manager.

For the 'Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.,'

TARO HODSUMI, Manager.

For the 'Imperial Bank of China,'

E. W. RUTTER, Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Deutsch-Asiatische Bank,'

H. FICK, Manager.

For the Russo-Chinese Bank,

J. W. R. TAYLOR, Representative in Hongkong.

Guaranty Trust Co., of New York,

E. F. GROS, Manager.

Hongkong, December 29, 1902. 2673

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of JANUARY, 1903, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of confirming the following Resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held this day (29th December, 1902):

RESOLUTION. That for the purpose of carrying into effect the Special Resolution duly passed and confirmed at Extraordinary General Meetings of the Company held on the 11th and 27th days of October, 1902, the Company be wound up voluntarily under the Provisions of the Companies Ordinance 1865 to 1899, and that the HONOURABLE CHARLES STEWART SHARP, ALEXANDER GEORGE WOOD, and JOHN THOMAS MARTIN WHEELEY be appointed Liquidators of the said Company with liberty for each of the joint liquidators, and that for the like purpose the Liquidators and they are hereby authorized to consent to the preparation of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of and to the registration of a new Company to be incorporated under the Companies Ordinance of Hongkong under the name of The China-Borneo Company, Limited, or some similar title.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1902.

By Order of the Consulting Committee,

WILLIAM D. JUPP, Acting Manager.

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THE TANJONG PAGAR DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED, SINGAPORE.

TO CONTRACTORS.

THE Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, Limited, Singapore, is prepared to receive TENDERS for the CONSTRUCTION or COMPLETION of a new GRAVING DOCK at Keppel Harbour, in Singapore, of the following dimensions, viz.:

Length 400 feet.

Width at entrance, at sill level, 56 "

Depth on sill level H.W.O.S.T. 20 "

as shown in the drawings and described in the specification.

Specifications and plans of the proposed Dock, may be seen at the Office of the Company in Singapore.

The Company does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Tenders shall be for a cash payable in Singapore, in Singapore currency.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to the 28th day of February, 1903.

By order of the Directors,

W. C. NIVEN, Secretary.

The Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, Limited.

Singapore, November 21, 1902. 2515

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Japanese and Chinese Silk, Indian Embroideries and Cashmere Shawls.

Indian Fancy Rugs and Carpets; Also

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An inspection is earnestly solicited.

Hongkong, December 15, 1902. 2575

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Hongkong, October 2, 1901. 2221

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BRANDS.

Old Tom Gins \$2.00 per Lbs.

D.O. 8.00 "

Sooty Whisky 15.00 "

SOLE AGENTS,

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12, Queen's Road.

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Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE attention of the public is drawn to the provisions of the Stamp Ordinance 1902, whereby certain duties are increased, and it is recommended that at least a part of any stock of old forms be presented to the Stamp Office, for surrendering before the 31st instant.

A copy of the new Schedule in force from the 1st January, 1903, can be seen at the Stamp Office.

A. M. THOMSON, Treasurer, &c.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. 2656

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AND GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

REVISED CURRENCY CHARGES ON CABLEGRAMS.

THE Senders of Telegrams are hereby advised that from the 1st of JANUARY, 1903, the Currency equivalent of the Franc has been raised from \$3.49 to \$3.46, subject to further revision three months hence, at which rate the tariffs for all telegrams from China will be collected.

Any further information desired may be obtained by applying at the Companies' Office.

J. M. BECK, Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 22, 1902. 2628

THE EASTERN EXTENSION & GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

A duplication of the Wladivostok route has been opened, via Kiochia, but is provisionally only available for telegraphic correspondence between China and Russia. Senders who wish their telegrams for Russia forwarded, by preference, by either of the said routes are consequently requested to mark the telegram forms accordingly. If no special note be indicated, telegrams for Russia will be forwarded by Kiochia if intended for Blagowestchensk or places west of Blagowestchensk, and via Wladivostok if intended for places east of Blagowestchensk.

J. M. BECK, Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 29, 1902. 2681

WILLIAM MACLEOD, D.D.S., DENTIST.

11 and 12 BEACONSFIELD ARCADE.

Hongkong, October 17, 1902. 2137

GERMAN S. S. PEIYANG.

ANY Claims or Bills against the above steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 31st December, 1902, or they will not be recognized.

EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO. Agents.

Hongkong, December 4, 1902. 2502

NOTICE.

OWING to the large increase in the cost of fodder etc., we are obliged to raise the price of our Milk to 12 cents per small bottle from 1st JANUARY next.

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LD.

S. A. SETH, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG DAIRY.

G. W. GEGG, Manager.

Hongkong, December 18, 1902. 2608

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

WITH a view to avoid the frequent revision of prices necessitated by the continued fall in exchange the Hotel Company's charges will, from the 1st January, 1903, be quoted in sterling.

Dollars will be accepted at the demand rate of exchange of the day on which payment becomes due.

H. HAYNES, Manager.

Hongkong, December 1, 1902. 2475

THE HONGKONG STEAM WATER BOAT CO., LTD.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that the remaining call of THREE DOLLARS per share is now called up and is payable at the Company's Office No. 37 Connaught Road on or before Jan 2nd 1903.

On payment Shareholders will please hand in their scrips for endorsement by the Manager.

By Order,

J. W. KEW, Manager.

Hongkong, December 15, 1902. 2574

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FRESH AUSTRALIAN BUTTER in prints.

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Hongkong, December 11, 1902. 2114

Intimations.

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- CHRISTMAS GOODS -

CHRISTMAS CARDS. XMAS PUDDING FRUITS.

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SWEETS, BEST KINDS, IN GREAT VARIETY.

YOUR INSPECTION IS INVITED. PRICES ON APPLICATION.

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FOR SALE.

THE fast-sailing Cruising YACHT RETA, built of teak.

Apply, E. M. HAZELAND.

Hongkong, December 30, 1902. 2696

Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, on

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'H. H.' (Doli) writes as follows in the Singapore Free Press:—

Dear Sir,—For years I have been looking on and—years ago, when I was still Hon. Secretary of the Selangor Planters Association, I even attempted to express my opinion,—but nobody would pay any attention to it, but yet, I think the matter is of such great importance and could so easily be settled, that I will try again; perhaps I may have more success this time.

I see you are now holding meetings again, and drafting petitions, and talking a lot and discussing all the difficulties, and all the experts argue 'How to get a fixed rate of Exchange' and all talk, talk, talk, but Nobody seems to be Doing anything. Now, why, don't the people act?

Why don't they do what we did in Sumatra more than 10 years ago? We (the mercantile community) simply agreed amongst ourselves to fix our prices from a certain day in Guider—and there was at once an end to our troubles. Of course, there were no Guilders and people continued to pay us in dollars and some do so up to this present day, but always at the current rate of exchange, i. e. a man owes \$1,000, a year ago he would have paid at the rate of 127 \$787.40

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But that's his business, it does not affect the merchant in the least. As far as he is concerned the dollar may go down to a shilling or sixpence!

And what has been the result? Gradually all the other people followed suit and also adopted the Guider, and now almost everything is bought and sold in Guilders and we have stability of exchange and a Gold Standard and yet, during all the years I stayed in Sumatra, I have never seen a single gold coin!

Now, why can't you do the same? Who would prevent your Chamber of Commerce to agree amongst themselves to fix their prices in dollars and to insist on being paid for it at the current rate of exchange?

You would not require any gold for it any more than we do over here, the Banks would 'with pleasure' comply with your doing so, by cheque, and if you wished to withdraw your deposit, the Banks could pay you in Bank of England Notes or D/D on London.

Now, what would prevent your adopting this plan?

Is it your trade with Sumatra or Java? Surely not. We are accustomed to a gold standard and would just as lief pay you in pounds as in dollars, and so it would be all the same to you in pounds than in dollars and you would get a good deal more of our trade than you do now.

Or is it your trade

LATE TELEGRAMS.

War in Venezuela.

London, December 13.—A despatch from Mr. Bowen, dated the 10th December, mentions he visited all the prisoners, namely, 44 Germans and 10 British. Some were so poor that he gave them food and he subsequently secured their release.

Somaliland.

Albino, December 13.—The despatch of Indian troops to Somaliland is estimated at £20,000 and the monthly recurring expense is £2,000. These charges will be borne by the Home Government.

Great Britain's Foreign Policy.

London, December 13.—Speaking at the dinner of the Union Club held at the Hotel Cecil, Lord Lansdowne said he deprecated invective and intemperance and was glad German and British sailors were acting side by side. He regretfully denied the insinuation that every difficulty with France was on the eve of settlement, but such reports indicated that the wind of public feeling was blowing in the right direction and said Italy was giving invaluable facilities in Somaliland. A close acquaintance with our new ally since the conclusion of the Alliance had left us and he hoped, Japan also, to form larger respect for each other. The more the great Powers knew and co-operated with each other, the better it would be for the interests of all.

UP FROM GEORGIA.

[In his new book of verses, "Up from Georgia" (D. Appleton & Co.), Mr. Stanton in many of his poems strikes an optimistic note that is refreshing. From this volume the following is quoted, showing his encouraging view, and likewise emphasizing the portrayal of those Southern characteristics that have given Mr. Stanton a place among our foremost poets.]

A pretty good world.
Pretty good world if you take it all around—
Pretty good world, good people!
Better than this under the ground—
Pretty good world, good people!
Better here where the skies are as blue
As the eyes of your sweetest smile at you—
Better than lying north dunes and down—
Pretty good world, good people!
Pretty good world with its hopes and its fears—
Pretty good world, good people!
Sun twinkles through the rain of its tears—
Pretty good world, good people!
Better here in the pathway you know—
Where the thorn in the garden where
Sweet roses grow,
Than to rest where you feel not the fall of
the snow—
Pretty good world, good people!
Pretty good world! Let us sing it that
way—
Pretty good world, good people!
Make up your mind that you're in it to
stay—
At least for a season, good people!
Pretty good world, with its dark and its
bright—
Pretty good world, with its love and its
light—
Sing it that way till you whisper, "Good-
night!"
Pretty good world, good people!

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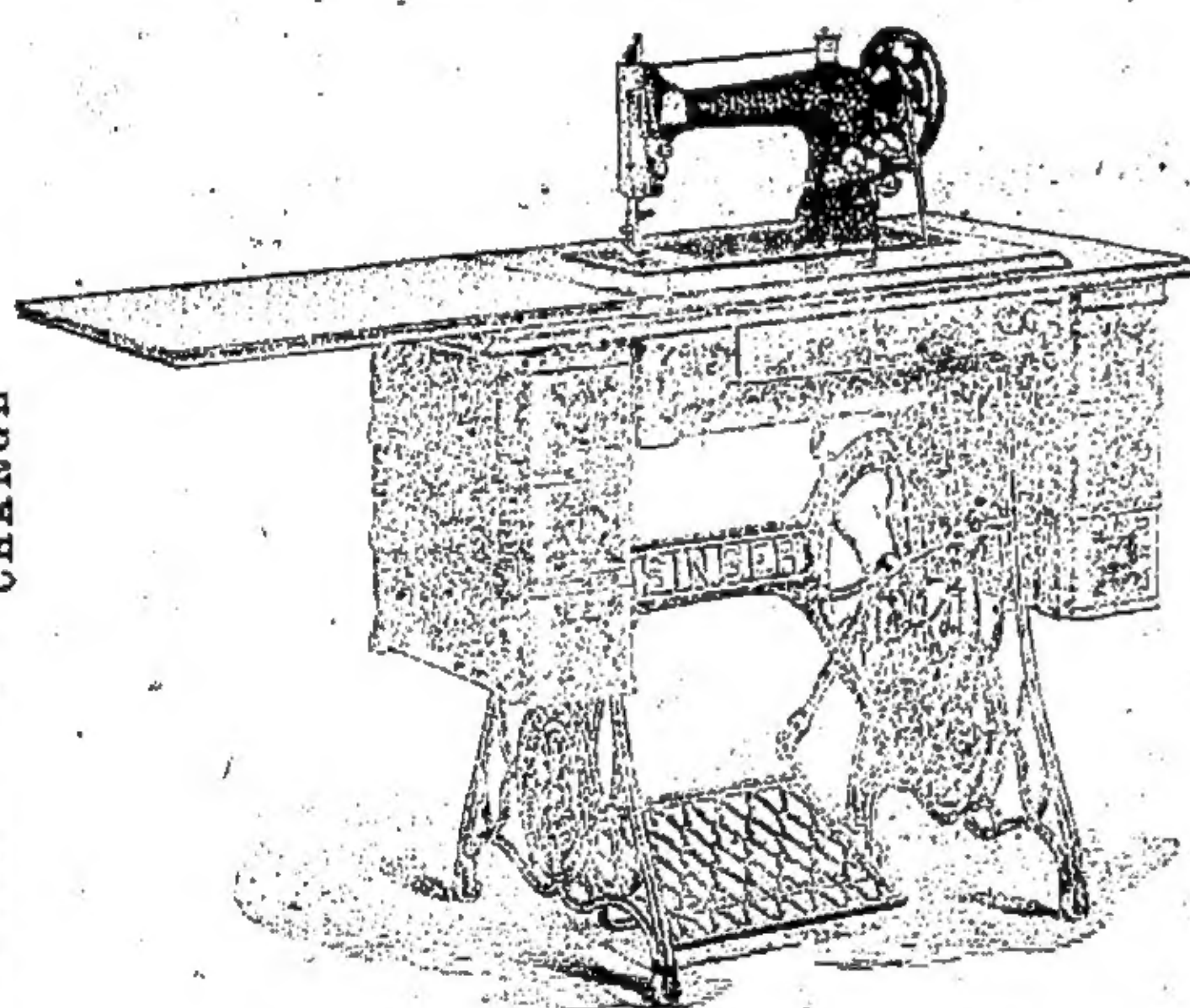
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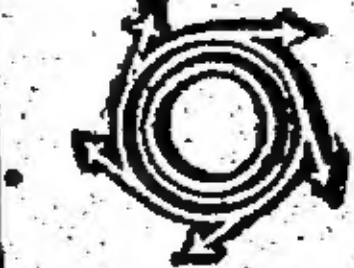
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His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at.
Alacrity	despatch- vessel	1700	—	3000	Comdr. Seymour E. Eskins	Hongkong
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	12,360	16	13,500	Captain T. H. M. Jervan	Hongkong
Albatross	sloop	1050	6	1400	Comdr. R. Nugent	Hongkong
Albatross	crucier, 1st class	11,000	16	18,000	Capt. Charles Windham, C.V.O.	Wellington
Argonaut	crucier, 1st class	8000	12	13,000	Captain George H. Cherry	Singapore
Benbow	gunboat, 1st class	710	4	1300	Captain F. G. Stopford	Hongkong
Britannia	gunboat, 1st class	710	4	1300	Lieut.-Com. F. M. Leake	Hankow
Cressy	gunboat, 1st class	12,000	14	21,000	Lieut.-Com. T. D. Pratt	Hongkong
Cherub	gunboat, 1st class	300	—	300	Captain Henry M. Tudor	Hongkong
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	5800	11	9600	Captain Robert H. S. Stokes	Hongkong
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	3073	3	200		
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	1070	10	1400		
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	360	6	6700		
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	1580	12	3200	Comdr. Ernest Barton	Shanghai
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	455	4	360	Comdr. John J. Graham	Hongkong
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	12,360	16	13,500	In Reserve	Hongkong
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	12,360	16	13,500	Captain W. A. Carter	Hongkong
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	275	6	4000	Capt. F. H. Henderson, C.M.G.	Hongkong
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Com. C. G. Hardy	Shanghai
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	1640	—	800	Comdr. J. D. Dainton	Hongkong
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	280	6	3900	Fleet Reserve	Hongkong
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. G. B. Powell	Yangtse-Kiang
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	980	10	1400	Lt.-Comdr. G. G. Webster	Canton
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	12,360	16	13,500	Comdr. C. W. M. Plenderleath	Hongkong
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	350	—	6300	Captain R. W. White	Shanghai
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	1015	6	1400	Lt.-Com. C. P. Mansel	Hongkong
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	3600	8	7000	Comdr. W. H. Nicholson	Shanghai
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	835	6	450	Capt. Harry C. Reynolds	Hongkong
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	980	10	1400	Captain Morris H. Smyth	Hongkong
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	85	2	240	Com. D. St. A. Wake	Canton
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	980	6	1400	Lt.-Com. John P. Iren	Hongkong
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	85	2	240	Comdr. C. A. W. Hamilton	Hongkong
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	85	2	240	Lieut.-Com. Murray Lockhart	Shanghai
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	200	6	6500	Lt.-Comdr. Worsley	Hongkong
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	5800	11	9600	Fleet Reserve	Hongkong
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	4650	6	—	Captain Lewis Bayly	Hongkong
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	180	2	800	Comdr. Robinson	Hongkong
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	360	6	1400	Lt.-Comdr. R. W. Dalgety	Shanghai
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	980	10	1400	Lieut. Forbes	Woojing
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	620	—	450	Comdr. S. St. John Furquhar	Hongkong
Edipha	gunboat, 2nd class	360	6	5900	Lt.-Comdr. Ernest C. Hardy	Shanghai
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Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported
Kaiser Karl VI	Austrian cruiser	6250	20	12,830	Captain Drogder	Nanking
Alouette	French gunboat	300	—	—	Lieut. A. Belloy	Shanghai
Argus	French gunboat	475	3	450	Capt. Crespin	Canton
Argus	French gunboat	475	3	450	Commander Journef	Canton River
Argus	French gunboat	475	3	450		Haiphong
Bengali	French gunboat	580	19	3000	Lieut. Fille	Nanking
Bugeaud	French cruiser	4000	—	—	Capt. Lefevre	Haiphong
Comete	French gunboat	525	—	—	Commander Louel	Shanghai
Decade	French gunboat	690	—	—	Commander Leamy	Tonkin
"Estreatasteaz"	French flagship	8114	14	13,500	Captain Fournet	Woojing
Frant	French cruiser	3739	10	9000	Captain Serris	Tonkin
Kersaint	French gunboat	1350	5	2500	Capt. Le Gallour	Yongue
Lion	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Bécue	Shanghai
Olry	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Hurst	Shanghai
Pascal	French gunboat	3968	14	8500	Captain Scudé	Shanghai
Redoubtable	French cruiser	9437	8	6071	Captain Bouffoy	Shanghai
Styx	French cruiser	1800	—	—	Capt. Vincent	Shanghai
Surprise	French gunboat	629	3	800	Captain Momet	Shanghai
Talking	French gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Blondel	Yongue
Vauban	French cruiser	—	—	—		Along Bay
Vigilant	French gunboat	—	—	—		Canton
Vipere	French gunboat	400	4	441	Comdr. Villeneuve	Shanghai
Bussard	German gunboat	1600	8	2900	Comdr. von Bassewitz	Kiautschou
Fürst Bismarck	German flagship	11,000	36	14,000	Captain Friedrich	Hongkong
Geier	German gunboat	1600	8	—	Comdr. Berger	Singapore
Hansa	German cruiser	6000	20	10,000	Capt. Paschou	Shanghai
Hertha	German cruiser	6000	20	10,000	Capt. Derzowski	Shanghai
Idis	German gunboat	1000	10	1800	Lieut.-Commander Hallermann	Hongkong
Jewett	German gunboat	850	10	—		Shanghai
Luchs	German gunboat	1120	8	1500	Comdr. Wuthmann	Yongue
Seeschwalbe	German gunboat	1600	8	2600	Comdr. Hillbrand	Singapore
Seydlitz	German gunboat	900	10	1800	Comdr. Hoffmann	Shanghai
Tiger	German gunboat	—	—	—	Comdr. Schröder	Bangkok
Vorwärts	German gunboat	—	—	—	Comdr. von Wolse	Shanghai
Thetis	German gunboat	—	—	—		Shanghai
Lombardia	Italian cruiser	2900	10	6843	Captain John Boet	Shanghai
Marco Polo	Italian cruiser	4583	16	10,543	Captain Botti	Shanghai
Puglia	Italian cruiser	2550	10	7000	Captain Canale	Shanghai
Veneti	Italian cruiser	4600	14	6820	Captain Zosi	Shanghai
Portuguese gunboat	Portuguese gunboat	720	—	—	Captain d'Azavedo	Macao
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat	600	—	—	Capt. F. J. Barboza Leal	Hongkong
Admiral Nachimoff	Russian cruiser	9000	18	8000	Captain Stenarahn	Singapore
Albatros	Russian gunboat	610	6	750	Comdr. Guinter	Vladivostok
Ananur	Russian gunboat	2600	6	4700	Comdr. Gramatikko	Port Arthur
Baidak	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1150	Comdr. Zaslavsky	Newchwang
Gobias	Russian gunboat	600	6	3500	Comdr. Youtieff	Port Arthur
Gladmak	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Zagarsky	Shanghai
Gremianichsky	Russian battleship	12,364	44	14,500	Captain Jensen	Nagasaki
Gulnik	Russian gunboat	1000	6	1800	Comdr. Shumoff	Shanghai
Korsets	Russian gunboat	1213	7	1500	Comdr. Norkowich	Nanking
Mandjour	Russian gunboat	1224	7	1400	Comdr. Muraviev	Shanghai
Orany	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Vasiliou	Port Arthur
Penavich	Russian battleship	12,674	16	14,500	Captain Koroleff	Nagasaki
Preobrazhensky	Russian battleship	10,360	16	10,600	Captain Jakovlev	Port Arthur
Poltava	Russian battleship	10,860	16	10,600	Captain Oseroff	Port Arthur
Reboynich	Russian cruiser	1334	10	1786	Comdr. Kovarnsky	Vladivostok
Rosalia	Russian protected cruiser	12,200	32	17,000	Captain Suprenenpoff	Nagasaki
Rurik	Russian protected cruiser	10,923	26	13,250	Capt. Matusevich	Port Arthur
Sesalsk	Russian battleship	10,960	10	10,600	Captain Serberennikoff	Port Arthur
Sivoch	Russian gunboat	950	8	1120	Lieut.-Comdr. Trancoff	Port Arthur
Varyag	Russian gunboat	6500	27	20,000	Comdr. Gintar	Port Arthur
Vendick	Russian cruiser	500	9	3300	Capt. Balr	Port Arthur
Zabiska	Russian cruiser	1220	6	1191	Comdr. Zagorianaky-Kissel	Port Arthur
Annals	U. S. gunboat	1600	10	1977	Comdr. Karl Rohrer	Manila
Don Juan de Austria	U. S. gunboat	1159	8	1600	Comdr. C. G. Bowman	Manila
Frolic	U. S. gunboat	1800	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. J. M. Helm	Manila
General Alava	U. S. gunboat	1392	8	1988	Lieut.-Comdr. F. J. Hals	Manila
Helena	U. S. flagship	11,500	41	10,000	Comdr. R. H. Ingersoll	Manila
Kentucky	U. S. gunboat	1000	2	750	Captain C. H. Stockton	Manila
Manila	U. S. gunboat	970	6	3000	Comdr. T. H. Stevens	Shanghai
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	3700	6	450	Captain Mahan	Taku
Mougey	U. S. gunboat	934	4	5244	Comdr. F. M. Wise	Hongkong
Modoc	U. S. monitor	1440	—	—	Comdr. Drake	Manila
New Orleans	U. S. cruiser	2530	24	17,401	Lieut.-Comdr. Sperry	Amoy
New York	U. S. flagship	14,000	10	800	Captain M. R. S. Macdonald	Nagasaki
Princeton	U. S. gunboat	1000	10	1118	Comdr. J. B. Selfridge	Manila
Vicksburg	U. S. cruiser	1397	8	1894	Comdr. E. S. Barry	Amoy
Wilmington	U. S. gunboat	1710	6	1801	Comdr. E. S. Primm	Manila
Ward	U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	Comdr. Ward	Manila

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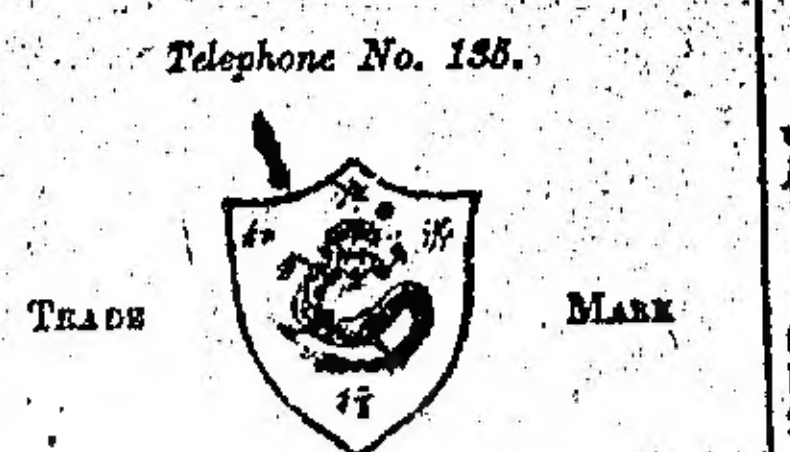
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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.
Miscellaneous.
Local Banks close.
Amusements.
9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, January 2.—
Noon. Auction of Indian Brown Mare and Colt, at outside of Messrs Hughes and Hough's Sales Rooms.

SATURDAY, January 3.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Household Furniture, &c., at Mr Geo. F. Lammert's Sales Rooms.

SUNDAY, January 4.—
Goods per *Manila* not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Pekin* not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, January 5.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Old Peking Curios, at Messrs Hughes and Hough's Sales Rooms.
Goods per *Bandou* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Shimosa* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, January 14.—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China-Borneo Co., Ltd., at the Company's Registered Offices.

WEDNESDAY, January 21.—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The National Bank of China, Ltd., at the Bank's Premises.



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BIRTH.
On 30th December, at Hongkong, the
wife of ROBERTALD DOWSETT THOMAS, M.S.
Nanning, of a son.

DEATH.
On the 30th December, at 6.45 p.m., at
the Peak Hospital, GRACE ANNE, dearly
beloved wife of JOHN SCOTT HARRISON, aged
27 years.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 5.20 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1902.

BEGUN in war and ending in war, the
past year has been full of incident. To
the people of the British Empire, the
two leading events were the declaration
of peace in South Africa and the Corona-
tion of the King. Happily the end of
the struggle between Boer and Briton
preceded the date fixed for the King's
Coronation, and the greater part of the
year has been devoted to the re-settle-
ment of the country to the mutual ad-
vantage of the whilom belligerents and
the natives of the soil. Thanks to the
generous conditions conceded by the
victors, a peaceful settlement has been
made possible; and great good is expect-
ed to follow the visit to South Africa of
Mr Chamberlain, the Secretary of State
for the Colonies. His visit forms a new
departure in British Colonial adminis-
tration, and is quite in keeping with the
practical character of this great
statesman. If for nothing else, the late
war will be memorable in British history
for having evoked a spontaneous display
of loyalty to the Mother Country from
her far-distant Colonies. The King's
Coronation was delayed by the unfor-
tunate and dangerous illness, that over-
took His Majesty, but though the
crowning ceremony may have lost some
of its *clat* by the postponement, we
venture to think the sincere
sympathy that was called forth from
our world-wide empire demonstrated in
the most unequivocal manner the uni-
versal popularity of the King and the
Royal Family and the people's loyalty
to the Crown. The outstanding feature
of the political year was the resignation
of Lord Salisbury, the Prime Minister.
This was not altogether unexpected,
but it was felt that Great Britain had
parted with one of its greatest states-
men. He was succeeded by his nephew,
Mr Arthur Balfour, who promises to
carry on the traditions of his house and
party. He is beloved of all politicians,
admired by most, and his assumption of
the Premiership gave Mr Chamberlain
an opportunity of pronouncing one of
the noblest and most unselfish panegyrics
it has been the good fortune of a British
statesman to utter. Almost simultane-
ously with the declaration of peace in
South Africa came a similar declaration
in the Philippine Islands, where our
American cousins had been waging
warfare on the natives since February,
1899. We regret to say that in this
case the declaration of peace has not
meant a cessation of fighting. Like the
pestilence that has devastated those
lovely islands during the past year, war
is now endemic. For the sake of all
peace is a consummation devoutly to be
wished, for under peaceful conditions
and wise administration those rich gems
of the Pacific might contribute largely to
the world's wealth. As the year closes,
Great Britain and Germany are en-
deavouring to impress the volatile and
irresponsible people of Venezuela that
the rights of British and German citizens,
no matter the climate in which they dwell,
must be respected. Jealous of European
interference on the American Con-
tinent, Brother Jonathan keeps a
watchful eye on all the parties to the
quarrel.

To China the year has been eventful,
but few signs have been vouchsafed of
the enormous development predicted at
the close of 1901. The Court returned
to Peking but not altogether to its
old conservatism; old women of both
sexes have drunk tea with the Empress
Dowager, who, more than ever, poses as
the real ruler of the Celestial Empire;
and the dusty jolt which the Court
sustained when the Foreign Powers
invaded Peking seems to have open-
ed the eyes of the Imperial party to
the forces that exist outside
the Flowery Kingdom. The educational
movement, from which much was expect-
ed, has been somewhat irregular. What
the central authorities have failed to
do, however, has been undertaken by
missionary bodies and philanthropic
individuals, and a knowledge of Western
science and Western methods is slowly
but surely permeating the Chinese people
and preparing the way for the greater
awakening which cannot be averted.

Railway works have made gradual head-
way throughout the empire, and
as the natives of the interior acquire
closer acquaintance with the Foreigner
and appreciate his real motives it is not
too sanguine to hope that there will
soon be no recurrence of the few
outrages on missionaries that have
darkened the past year. The country
is far from peaceful. Piracies have
been plentiful along the southern shores
and rivers, armed bands range the
distant provinces, and a spirit of unrest
animates vast hordes of a constitution-
ally peaceful people. Much of this is due
to misrule, and it is not altogether a
discouraging symptom that the people
get restless under the mismanagement
and exactions of officials too often alien
to them in thoughts, pursuits and am-
bitions. In her international relations,
if not in her home policy, China has
reason to congratulate herself on the
events of the past year. The Govern-
ment of Tientsin was restored to the
Chinese authorities, the Foreign gar-
risons withdrawn from Shanghai, the
customs tariff was revised on what is
considered equitable terms for China,
and a new commercial treaty has been
signed between Great Britain and China.
From this treaty mutual benefits are
anticipated.

For a considerable portion of the year,
Hongkong was governed by Major-
General Sir W. Gascoigne, in the
absence of His Excellency Sir Henry
Blake, and during the time General
Gascoigne administered the government
he added greatly to his popularity. The
local event of the year was the celebra-
tion of the King's Coronation. Under
the conditions that prevail in summer
in this sub-tropical isle, it is always
difficult to arouse the people to anything
approaching enthusiasm, but in its ex-
pressions of boundless loyalty and devo-
tion to the Royal Family, Hongkong
was not surpassed by any other portion
of the Empire on which the sun never
sets. During the year, there were
several important official changes. Mr
J. H. Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G., was
appointed Commissioner of Weihaiwei,
and Mr F. H. May, C.M.G., suc-
ceeded him as Colonial Secretary; Sir Wil-
liam Goodman succeeded Sir John
Carrington as Chief Justice, and was
succeeded, in turn, as Attorney General
by Sir H. S. Berkeley from Fiji; Mr
W. Chatham succeeded Mr R. D.
Ormsby as head of the Public Works
Department; Mr Johnson replaced the
late Capt. Hastings as Postmaster; and
Mr F. J. Badley became Captain
Superintendent of Police in suc-
cession to Mr May. In the Legisla-
tive Council, Mr Robert Sheehan has
succeeded Mr T. H. Whitehead, now in
London, and Mr G. W. F. Playfair
acted as the representative of the
Justices of the Peace during the absence
of Sir Paul Chater (who was one of the
Coronation knights). Messrs C. S.
Sharp, Sheehan and Playfair have follow-
ed a fair and independent line of action
during the legislative year, and with
their assistance several valuable mea-
sures have been added to the local
statutes. Considerable discussion has
marked the introduction of a new Public
Health and Buildings Bill, which is still
before the Council and from which many
much-needed improvements are expect-
ed. Of notable public works brought
to completion the year was unproduc-
tive. A Commission reported that the
Public Works Department was under-
manned, and to this cause may be at-
tributed, in a measure, the infertility of
the year. Considerable progress has
been made with the Jubilee Road round
the Island, and the Kowloon Water-
works; but the Blake Pier Shelter,
new Law Courts and new Post Office
are still consigned to the future. Outside
local government work, the Colony
shows signs of steady and
material progress. Buildings of great
value have been erected, and the new
dock works at Quarry Bay and the
Naval Yard extension have made sub-
stantial progress. However, a new
dock scheme for the Hongkong and
Whampoa Dock Company was negated
by the shareholders, after prolonged
consideration and discussion. A new
educational departure was the establish-
ment at Kowloon of a Government
School for European children. Hitherto
the Colony has provided educational
facilities for the Chinese, and the
schools of the Colony have been availed
of by children and young men from the
interior. It was felt that as it was
obviously impossible to educate Chinese
and European children side by side, the
time had come to make the new de-
parture, and, thanks to the sympathetic
support accorded by H.E. Sir Henry
Blake and Bishop Hoare, the agitation
commenced with scant likelihood of

success, and left to languish by the so-
called representatives of the people, was
brought to fruition during the year.
The year now closing has been in
many respects a most disappointing
one for trade in South-China. In the
early part of the year, unsound trading
methods produced several failures among
the Chinese merchant classes, involving
rooms of the local houses, principally
Germans, in serious losses. The import
trade has had to contend with bad
markets owing to a partial failure of the
rice crop, following on prolonged
drought, dear rice meaning limited pur-
chasing power for the Chinese. A
cholera epidemic of unusual severity in
the Philippines also affected this market
adversely. The continued fall in
exchange has been another adverse
factor in the importation of goods.
It is not only the increased
prices that have to be asked for foreign
goods but the uncertainty as to the
future course of silver which prevents
the development of the trade in cotton
goods, metals, &c. This year there has
been a considerable falling off in the
volume of trade as compared with for-
mer years. Freight rates have ruled low,
and heavy losses have been incurred by
Chinese who have taken up small
steamers on time charter on speculation.
Shipowners, too, are hit by the fall in
exchange, as all their expenses are in
sterling, while the freights earned are in
the local currency, which cannot be
considered satisfactory. Taking into
account, too, the depreciation in the
value of shares, it must be
admitted, we think, that 1902 must
rank as one of the leanest of lean
years. However, the darkest hour is
just before the dawn, and we hope the
sun of prosperity is to burst upon the
Colony in the coming year, and with
this thought uppermost we take the
opportunity of wishing our subscribers
and supporters—

**A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR.**

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To Subscribers.

To-morrow, there will be no issue of
the *China Mail*. The next issue will be
on Friday night.

Sudden Death in Shanghai.

We regret to learn that news has been
received here of the sudden death at
Shanghai of Mr. H. Lehmann, partner in
the firm of Messrs Arnold, K.berg and
Co. at the northern port.

Alleged Conspiracy.

The charge against a Chinese of having
conspired in suborning false evidence in
Water Valley murder case will be finally
investigated at the Magistracy on Mon-
day afternoon.

Sweet Nell of Old Drury.

Theatregoers are reminded that to-
night Miss Janet Waldorf's Co. will appear
in their last production, the highly roman-
tic and charming comedy, *Sweet Nell of
Old Drury*. The piece is advertised for
two nights only, so the opportunity will
be scant for seeing a remarkably attractive
play.

To Quell Plague.

At a special meeting of the Sanitary
Board held this afternoon, it was decided
to close the plague-infected houses at 117,
Wa On Lane, 16, 17, 19, 21, and 21a,
d'Aguilar Street, and 19, Wing Wo Street.
The district bounded by Pottinger Street
on the west, Wollington Street on the east
and Wyndham Street on the south, was
declared an infected area.

United Week of Prayer.

Arrangements are being made for the
observance of a Week of Prayer in Hong-
kong, from 4th to 11th January. Special
sermons will be preached in the Churches
on Sunday, 4th Jan., and during the week
daily meetings will be held in the room of
the Christian Union, 13 Beaconsfield Arcade,
at 6.15 p.m. All Christians are cordially
invited.

The Late Mr C. F. A. Sangster.

It is with sincere regret we hear of the
removal by death of one of our oldest offi-
cials. Mr C. F. A. Sangster died in Eng-
land on the 15th October last, but nothing
but the bare announcement has yet reached
us. As organizer for a long period of years
of the annual musical events and in every
institution for the cultivation of music in
the Colony. His name was a household
word in Hongkong, and his un-
doubted talent was always at the disposal
of every praiseworthy object which could
be forwarded by musical effort. As far
back as the year 1860 he came to Hongkong
as accountant in the Police Department,
and in 1864 he became an officer in the
Supreme Court, where he filled nearly all
the appointments under the Registrar, and
for a considerable time he was Acting Re-
gistrar. He retired about seven years ago
on pension. His many friends will be very
sorry to hear that he is no more.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

Common sense is instinct, and enough
of it is genius.

The American Treasurer has reported
a surplus in revenue of \$1,250,000 dollars.

The proprietor of a café was fined \$75
at Manila on the 28th inst. for selling beer
on Sunday.

Twelve thousand persons filed past
the coffin of the Reverend Dr. Parker at
the City Temple.

One golden day redeems a dreary
year. We hope our readers' coming year
will be on a gold basis.

Parcel Mails for Europe, etc., per s.s.
Valencia will close at 3 p.m., on Friday,
the 2nd January, 1903.

New Guinea cannibals have killed 27
convicts at New Guinea, three of them
being Europeans, and then ate the remains
hot.

Several sacks of mail matter for Manila
were destroyed by fire in the railway colli-
sion on the New York Central Railroad
on the 22nd inst.

Admiral Wilson, of the U.S. navy,
has been condemned by a medical board,
and was ordered to proceed to the United
States on the 28th inst.

There were 167 European and 63
Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library,
and 38 European and 2370 Chinese visitors
to the Museum during the week ending the
28th Dec.

Plague Victim.
A Chinese fell a victim to plague in
Wu On Lane, and died, to-day.

Another Collapse Inquiry.
The inquiry into the fatal collapse at
Wing Lok Street, recently, has been fixed
for Wednesday afternoon, 7th prox., at
2.15 p.m.

Watchnight Service.
A 'watchnight Service' will be held
at St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road West,
this evening, commencing at 11 o'clock.
All are cordially invited.

Swordstick Forfeited.
Wong Chung Ki was, at the Magis-
tracy, to-day, ordered to forfeit a sword
stick, of which he was in unlawful pos-
session in his place of residence, Connaught
Road.

Seamen Punished.
Seven of the crew of the British s.s.
Tonbridge were punished at the Harbour
Master's Court, to-day. Five, who dis-
obeyed orders, were sent to jail for three
days and deprived of three days' pay, and
two, who assaulted the skipper, were sent
to jail for six weeks.

Kowloon School.
Arrangements are being perfected for
the entertainment of children at Kowloon
School on Saturday next, the 3rd proximo.
Tea will be served to the scholars at four
o'clock, and the entertainment, which con-
sists of an attractive little pantomime,
commences at six o'clock sharp, when it is
hoped all the parents and friends of the
children will be in their places. After the
entertainment a Christmas tree will be
disseminated. No invitation cards are being
issued, but all are welcome to attend.

Masonic.
At the regular meeting of the Eastern
Scottish Lodge, 823, S.C., held in the
Masonic Hall on Tuesday night, Bro. W.
C. Jack was duly installed into the Chair
as R.W.M. for the year by Right Wor.
Bro. E. C. Ray, Deputy District Grand
Master, assisted by the officers of the Dis-
trict Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South
China. Wor. Bro. Jack is to be congratu-
lated on attaining the honour of being
R.W.M. of the Infant Lodge of Hongkong,
and the first Lodge in the Kowloon Dis-
trict. Wor. Bro. Jack invested his officers
for the year as follows:—

T.P.M. Wor. Bro. W. Farmer
D.M. " L. Malloy
S.M. " G. C. Anderson
W.S.W. " Bro. C. Ficken
W.J.W. " W. M. Eversall
Secretary Wor. Bro. H. Hainey
Treasurer " F. Main
S.D. " Bro. G. Patton
J.D. " P. D. Hyatt
Organist " D. Terrill
D.C. Wor. Bro. F. Howell
L.G. Bro. Mitchell
Steward " Dang Chao
Tyler " Vanstone

At the close of the meeting, the
Brethren adjourned to the King Edward
Hotel, where they sat down to dinner
provided by the popular caterers of Hong-
kong, Messrs Madar and Farmer. After
the usual Masonic toasts, songs were given
by Wor. Bros. Bryan and Bridger, and
Bros. Focken, Mitchell, and Ritchie,
and resolutions by Wor. Bros. G. C.
Anderson, Gourdin and Farmer. During
the evening, Wor. Bro. Farmer intimated
the probable formation of a District Grand
Lodge under the Scottish Grand Lodge,
with Wor. Bro. G. C. Anderson at its head.
This was received by the Brethren with
applause. After singing 'Auld Lang Syne,'
the brethren dispersed, having spent a very
pleasant evening.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Slump in Matrimony.

A London telegram announces that
the 'Shaft' has discarded sixteen hundred
and forty wives.

A Total Wreck.

The U. S. transport *Trenton*, which
went ashore on the coast of Mindanao
during a storm on the 22nd inst., is now
a total wreck. Only a portion of the ma-
chinery was saved.

Cholera in Manila.

There were three cases of cholera in
Manila on the 28th inst., and two deaths.
The disease is still prevalent in epidemic
form in the provinces, and numerous
deaths are reported.

St. George's Ball.

A correspondent writes to suggest to
the Dance Committee of St. George's
Ball that the programme might be publish-
ed beforehand, as was that of St. An-
drew's Ball. He attributes the success of
the dancing part of the Scottish Ball to this
thoughtful arrangement.

Post Office Holidays.

On New Year's Day, the Post Office
will be open for one hour only—8 to 9 a.m.
In the event of the arrival of the French
Mail, the Office will be open for one hour
after the mail is sorted. Correspondence
for local delivery may be posted up to 9
a.m. The Night Box will be left open
during the day. The Money Order Office
will be closed entirely.

The Great Zamboni.

Who is Zamboni? He is a manipulator
of cards though not a poker player; he is
skilled in the use of billiard balls, though
not a Roberts; he is a mimic and conjuror
with a considerable reputation in the Hall
of England and Australia, and he gives an
entertainment in St. Patrick's Hall to-
morrow night. The performance com-
mences at nine o'clock, and as the prices
are popular and to-morrow is a holiday
Zamboni ought to get a large measure of
public support.

The Defunct Nanyang Squadron.

Viceroy Chang Chih-tung's project of
'routing' the obsolete Nanyang squadron,
according to a Nanking despatch, has now
received the consent of the Throne. In
view of this (says the *N.-O. Daily News*), it
is stated that His Excellency has reserved
only two composite vessels out of the whole
lot of a dozen or so cruisers of all sizes, to
act as dispatch vessels, while the rest have
been ordered to proceed to Wooming to be
turned over to the Shanghai Taisai, who
has been authorised to sell them. The
officers and crews of the retired vessels are
to receive half a month's extra pay 'as a
special mark of Imperial and Viceroyal
bounty, to enable them to return to their
respective homes.'

The Year's Trade in Osaka.

During 1901 (says the *Kobe Chronicle*),
trade and commerce in Osaka suffered great
depression. Banks and companies failed;
the Government itself had to bear a serious
financial strain. The failure of the Govern-
ment's negotiations for a foreign loan had
effect on economic circles, with a resulting
depression. While the demand for money
towards the end of last year was very small,
the Bank of Japan maintained its rate of
daily interest at 2.7 per cent per 100, equal
to 0.85 per cent, and continued that rate
into the present year, which opened with
good prospects. It was generally thought
that the depression had reached its climax
towards the close of last year, and that the
effect on economic circles of the financial
strain on the Government would at least
not be increased. The Government Finance
Department repeatedly declared that the
loan accepted by the Government from the
Bank of Japan would be repaid this
year, and many things pointed to
an early improvement of trade. The
general expectations, however, have not
been realised. If the year has passed
without any special commercial disaster,
there has certainly been no noticeable
revival. Nevertheless, this quietness in
industrial and commercial circles is looked
upon as the forerunner of commercial
activity. Money has circulated slowly from
the beginning of the year. The Bankers'
Unions at Tokyo, Osaka, and other
principal cities, lowered the rate of interest
on deposits in January or February; and
the Bank of Japan lowered its rate on
advances for the first time in March, but
this had little effect. Money waiting
investment was abundant, but trade, which
had long continued inactive, showed no
improvement. The news of the formation
of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance on the 12th
February certainly affected the markets,
but the effect was of very short duration.
As an example of the general sluggishness,
the number of shares which changed hands
on the Osaka Stock Exchange in February
last was about 280,000, and in March last
about 300,000, as against 332,000 in Feb-
ruary and 328,000 in March of the previous
year, and 283,000 in February and 600,000
in March of 1900. So that the stimulation
given to business by the Anglo-Japanese
Alliance, judged by Stock Exchange
results, was small.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

Common sense is instinct, and enough
of it is genius.

The American Treasurer has reported
a surplus in revenue of \$1,250,000 dollars.

TELEGRAMS.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN IN SOUTH AFRICA.

London, December 29, 1902.
Mr. Chamberlain is a guest at Government House at Pretoria.

OBITUARY.

The death of the Bishop of St. Albans is announced.

MOROCCO.

It is officially confirmed that the rebel Tazis on the 23rd instant, completely routed the Moorish Army of 10,000 men, which precipitately fled to Fez, losing 2,000 in killed.

THE VENEZUELAN QUESTION.

The refusal of President Roosevelt to arbitrate on the Venezuelan question has caused some disappointment in Berlin consequent on the delay attending formalities of the Hague tribunal.

THE DURBAR.

The Viceroy and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught made a state entry into Delhi to-day. They were mounted on superbly caparisoned elephants, and followed by a long and gorgeous procession of Indian Princes, two abreast, all mounted on elephants.

THE HUMBERT FRAUDS.

The Humberts have been imprisoned in Paris.

THE SOMALILAND EXPEDITION.

The Government has accepted the services of 100 Boers for Somaliland.

MOROCCO.

The Sultan has barricaded himself in his palace at Fez, and an attack on the town is expected. Resistance is impossible.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before His Honour A. G. Wise, Puisne Judge.)
Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1902.

A QUESTION OF CUSTOM.

In the action by the traders v. Laus, Wegener and Co., a claim for £1,000 for non-delivery of 100 cases of beer, a question of custom was tried.

For the plaintiff, Mr. Hastings (Messrs. Deacon and Hastings) appeared; and for the defendant, Mr. G. C. Master (Messrs. Johnson, Stokes, and Master) appeared. The judge found in favour of the plaintiff, and ordered the defendant to pay the costs of the action.

Mr. Hastings asked if Mr. Hastings meant that the price in the agreement was \$10.50. His instructions were that it was \$9.50. Mr. Hastings—That is not so, but we are suing at the present market price, which has gone up to \$11.25. Proceeding, Mr. Hastings said that on the 23rd June the sum of \$10.50 was paid by the plaintiff to the defendant, and on the 24th of that month 100 cases were delivered. They made frequent applications for the remaining 100 cases but without success. It seemed that the defendant, having involved himself in financial difficulties, had absconded, but he submitted that the defendant's default had nothing to do with the plaintiff. It was no business of the plaintiff whether or not the defendant received the money. They had the defendant's receipt, which was enough for their purpose. He put it to his Lordship that there were only two questions to be tried; viz., (1) was the transaction entered into as alleged by the plaintiff, and (2) was the defendant the duly-appointed agent of the defendant to enter into such a contract as this and to receive the money.

Evidence for the plaintiff was then led, and Mr. Locke having been examined for the defence, the further hearing of the case was adjourned until Tuesday next.

Vanished and Free.

Young Mr. Showen, formerly an agent for Messrs. Carlowitz, left the Colony some time ago without telling his employers or other people who had a particular desire to see him. A matter of two thousand dollars or so, collected for his employers, but not paid to them, was mentioned to the police. Several stories were about as to the wanted one's place of refuge—to one he said, 'I think I'll see Shanghai'; to another, 'Manila is more interesting than Hongkong'; to a third it was, 'What price 'Frisco' and sub rosa, he explained to a fourth confidential friend his anxiety to avoid his creditors by taking a hop, skip, and a jump to Saigon. In the French port, Inspector Maichoud sought him, and a Mr. Showen was arrested, but, just as there are more John R's than John R's, there are more Mr. Showens than Mr. Showens. The arrested man turned out to be an innocent gentleman who was on his way to see the sights of Hanoi, so Inspector Maichoud was forced to come back empty-handed. The latest rumour is to the effect that Showen is now in America, that he did really go to Manila, and that his passage to the 'Land of the Free' was made on an American troopship. He is evidently a very clever young man, and it is a great pity that his brain has been sharpened on the wrong end.

THE GERMAN CLUB.

Opening of New Premises.

The opening of the new German Club premises at Kennedy Road to-day may be taken as satisfactory evidence that our friends of the German community are prospering. For many years, they have occupied the building in Wyndham Street near this office, but the changed conditions in the centre of the town, together with the steady increase in membership, made a new situation almost a necessity, and the members may be congratulated on the palatial and handsome clubhouse they have erected for themselves. It is situated on the north side of Kennedy Road, near the Union Church, and the site embraces the whole of the ground from the roadway down to the nullah and tramway station. These grounds can be laid out effectively as ornamental gardens and tennis lawns.

The site is a very sloping one, which has involved difficulties for the architects, but all the difficulties have been overcome successfully. The clubhouse is built in five storeys, and the architects have adopted a free treatment of the English Renaissance in their design, the effect being extremely pleasing when viewed from a favourable point of vantage. In the basement or lower storey are the bowling alleys, four in number, with bar and lavatory attached. Above this is the reading room, the bar and billiard rooms are on the principal floor, with the main entrance from Kennedy Road. On either side of the entrance lobby are the telephone and porter's rooms. The billiard room will contain six tables. The fourth floor contains the big dining-room, which is so arranged that part of it can be divided off by sliding doors so that it can be utilised as a stage for private theatricals and concerts or for private dinner parties. There is also on this floor a large ante-room and drawing and card room, and all the usual accessories for the kitchen and serving rooms. The dining room is 38 feet long and 30 feet wide. The upper floor contains eleven bedrooms, conveniently arranged with bath-rooms and sanitary arrangements.

Along the whole front of the building there is a fine wide verandah, with pointed turrets at each corner, and projecting balconies round the turrets and in the centre gable. The two lower storeys are rusticated. The whole of the staircases and mantelpieces, the bar fittings and the floors of the principal rooms are of oak, and the staircase has been arranged to take a lift. Electric bells are fitted throughout the building, which is lit by gas with incandescent burners.

Access can be obtained to the clubhouse from the new roadway, which debouches from Garden Road at the lower tramway station, skirts the Club site and connects with Kennedy Road.

The Club house is an attractive addition to the architecture of the Colony, and is in every way a credit to the designers, Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs, who have also supervised the construction. Wing On was the contractor.

At twelve o'clock, the members of the Club assembled in the new Clubhouse for the private and formal opening of the new premises. There were also present H. E. Vice-Admiral Geisler and Lady Geisler, the German Consul, and all the naval officers who could be spared from the ships in harbour. Mr. G. Harling, President of the Club, proposed the health of 'The Emperor,' which was pledged in loyal humors. Mr. Harling then made a long speech reviewing the history of the Club Germania in Hongkong. It was no forty-two years old, he said, and was originally housed at Wanchai in what is now the hospital for the soldiers' wives and children. The Club was now in a prosperous condition, with more members than it ever had before. He concluded by calling upon those present to drink 'Success to the Club Germania.' The toast was drunk enthusiastically, and the black and white and red ensign was hoisted on the flagstaff.

Admiral Geisler then made a short speech, taking the opportunity to thank the members for their generous hospitality to the officers of the German warships on this Station. He wished the Club every success and continued prosperity.

Mr. Paul Brewitt, Hon. Secretary, proposed the health of the architects, coupled with the name of Mr. E. A. Ram, who responded briefly.

During the proceedings, Mr. Harling presented Mr. Brewitt with a handsome gold watch bearing the following inscription:—
Presented to Mr. Paul Brewitt, in thankful recognition of his long and valuable services to the Club Germania, by the members. Hongkong, December 31, 1902.

The visitors then inspected the new premises, and Mr. C. E. LeMunyon took a photographic group of the members at the Kennedy Road entrance.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 31st at 11.30 a.m. The barometer has risen generally, except over W. Japan. Pressure is high over Central China, and the depression, lying near the Loochoos yesterday, has moved away to the ENE. Fresh to strong monsoon along the China coast and over the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—fresh N.W. winds; cloudy, some rain.

AMOY NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.
Amoy, December 29.
The festive season of Yuletide is once more upon us, with all its happy associations and good fellowship. The summer lingers so long in these latitudes that it is astonishing how soon after the hot weather Xmas seems to come, for we miss out here all those preliminary symptoms with which Christmas is heralded at home. This year, for a wonder, Xmas Day was wet and cold and raw, a rare occurrence in Amoy, for I do not think there has been a wet Xmas for twenty years or more. We had Divine Service on Episcopal lines in Union Church, Kulungu, conducted by the Port Chaplain, the Rev. J. Goodman Johnson, at 11 o'clock a.m., with a full choir and special Hymns and Psalms, followed by a Celebration of Holy Communion at 12 o'clock. The Rev. F. P. Joeland presided at the Organ. The Church was tastefully decorated by Mrs. Frank Smith, assisted by the daughters of the Rev. J. Macgowan, many residents also lending palms and ferns, &c. The inclement weather kept a good many people indoors, who would otherwise have been present, but, none the less, the service was bright and cheerful, the singing hearty, the sermon suitable and short, and everybody went home full of thankful joy, as was evinced by the mutual hearty greetings that filled the air when the service was over.

On Christmas Eve, the British Consulate was the centre of a scene of joy and gaiety, for Mr. and Mrs. Hauser entertained the whole of the children of the island (with few exceptions), and a splendid time they had. There was an immense Christmas Tree, covered with gifts and candles: a real Father Christmas, calculated to deceive the younger bairns into believing him to be their old friend 'Santa Claus' himself, with hoary beard and snowflakes, though they were surprised to discover him to be but Mr. Pratt, the Assistant Consul, after all. There was 'snapdragon,' beloved of daring boys, a Chinese conjurer, who mystified all with his sleight of hand and strange disappearances of articles, and lots of merry games for children of various ages, so that it is no wonder that the tide passed all too rapidly, and many of the children were astonished to find the hour of returning home had come. All present enjoyed themselves immensely, including the few favoured grown-ups that were there.

CHINESE SERVICES ON XMAS DAY.

It may not be out of place to mention that the Chinese Christians of Kulungu and Amoy had three Services on Xmas Day in the Church known as the Hokington on Kulungu. The students of the College and boys of the Middle School decorated the chapel with great taste, special hymns were printed and sung to special tunes, all the services (which were at 9 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7.30 p.m.) were well-attended, and the several addresses given appropriate to the occasion. It is good to see our fellow-Christians among the Chinese joining in the celebration of this great festival, and as the sun-tot of joy in the world has been vastly increased since Christ was born into it, we can surely earnestly desire that a time may come when the whole of China will join in the worldwide celebration of Christmas.

THE AMOY SAILORS' REST.

The Report of the Amoy Sailors' Rest is now out, and a very interesting little document it is, as drawn up by the late Secretary, Mr. Maurice J. Walker, now home in England on a well-earned furlough. For many years, this institution was closed, as so few men-of-war came to the port, but since the troubles of 1900 brought more ships here, it was reopened in September, 1901, and has since a felt want. Whether we shall continue to have enough British warships visiting our port regularly, so as to make it worth while to keep the Rest open permanently, remains to be seen. Suffice it to say, that it has been productive of great good up to now.

A FREE CONCERT.

The members of the Community were invited to attend a Piano Recital by the 'Apollo Piano Player' in the Masonic Hall, Kulungu, at 8 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 27, and a varied programme was provided, so as to show the undoubted merits of this new invention. It savours too much of the 'put-a-penny-in-the-slot' machines to be altogether attractive to those who have musical tastes, but for those who cannot afford to do not care to learn how to play the piano, it certainly offers some manifest attractions. It may be classed amongst the wonderful inventions of the age.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There are now two Japanese men of war in the harbour. The weather has broken again, and we are having rainy muggy weather just now and quite cold.

WHAT IS A COUGH?

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THE BLUE RIBBON OF THE PACIFIC.

The following letter appears in the Kobe Chronicle of the 23rd inst., the appended note being by the Editor of our contemporary:—

Sir,—I read to-day an article in your paper of December 13th entitled as above. As you have published it, I ask you to publish this one, as it gives a true statement. The Empress of Japan made her run to the westward and the Korea hers to the eastward. You make the comparison of the run of both ships from noon to noon, without mentioning the fact that the Empress's days were an average of 1 hour and 16 minutes longer—which would have given the Korea, had she been going west instead of east, 22.22 knots per day more. The Empress of Japan made one day's run of 441 knots, which, divided by 24 hours and 48 minutes, the actual time in which she made, makes the average 17.78 knots; instead of 18.37 knots, as published. You have also left out of the Korea's run of 431 knots, which, as published, and her average was 17.78 knots per hour instead of 17.33. The Korea made one day's run of 436 knots in a day of 24 hours and 20 minutes—an average of 18.16 knots or .38 of a knot more than the Empress boat.

I noticed at the time of the Empress's run the mistake, but took no notice of it at the time as it did not concern me, as it is used to belittle the run of the Korea I take it up.

Below please find the time from noon to noon, and the runs each day of Korea, and please notice that the Empress had each day much over 24 hours as the Korea had under:—

Time from noon to noon. Day's run. Each day.

At noon	At noon
October 19..22 38	304
" 20..23 30	419
" 21..23 24	424
" 22..23 21	422
" 23..23 20	419
" 24..23 18	420
" 25..23 20	436
" 26..23 24	414
" 27..23 27	392
" 28..22 6	381
Total	5,537

Average hourly run, 17.78 knots.

Your article speaks of the Empress being eight years old when she made her quick trip. Age cuts no figure. At that time she started out to make the trip of her life. She had a regular crew, and did what she could not do again under her regular crew, but did not use two boilers. While in command of the steamer China I beat every Empress, and caught up with her as late as late as possible, and did what she could not do again under her regular crew, but did not use two boilers. While in command of the steamer China I beat every Empress, and caught up with her as late as late as possible, and did what she could not do again under her regular crew, but did not use two boilers. While in command of the steamer China I beat every Empress, and caught up with her as late as late as possible, and did what she could not do again under her regular crew, but did not use two boilers.

Dr. Temple.

The late Dr. Temple, Archbishop of London, fell back in his seat while speaking in the House of Lords on the Education question.

The Czar of Russia.

The reported melancholia from which the Czar and Czarina of Russia are suffering is said to be due to the influence still exercised over them by an American spiritualist named Philip. Philip has been expelled from Russia.

The Philippines Hemp Trade.

A New York telegram dated 26th inst. says:—Great Britain and Germany have formally protested to the Government against the attitude maintained toward the hemp merchants of these countries in the Philippine Islands. Britain and Germany claim that the United States is not maintaining 'open door' policy toward them in the matter of the export duty on hemp. (The note conveying the protest) was conveyed to the State Department yesterday, and it is understood that the Philippine government will be communicated with in the matter.

The S.S. 'Quang Nam.'

The French steamer Quang Nam, which was reported by the Carl Dietrichsen to be at anchor off St. John's Island short of coal, arrived here safely this morning. Upon the arrival of the Carl Dietrichsen with a letter from the Captain to Messrs. Bradley and Co., the local agents, a large launch was despatched immediately with sufficient coal to bring the Quang Nam into Hongkong. Meanwhile, a boat commanded by one of the officers arrived at Macao and the officer telegraphed to Hongkong for supplies. The Quang Nam had experienced heavy weather and strong currents on the way up.

VILLAGE MINISTER.

'There was a stranger in church to-day. Wife: 'What did he look like?' 'I did not see him.' 'Then how did you know there was a stranger among the congregation?' 'I found half a crown amongst the collection.'

Intimations.

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" 1.5 tin 2.5 tin

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Gooseberries " " " 0.55 1.00

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Pears " " " 0.45 0.80

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CALLING AT SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

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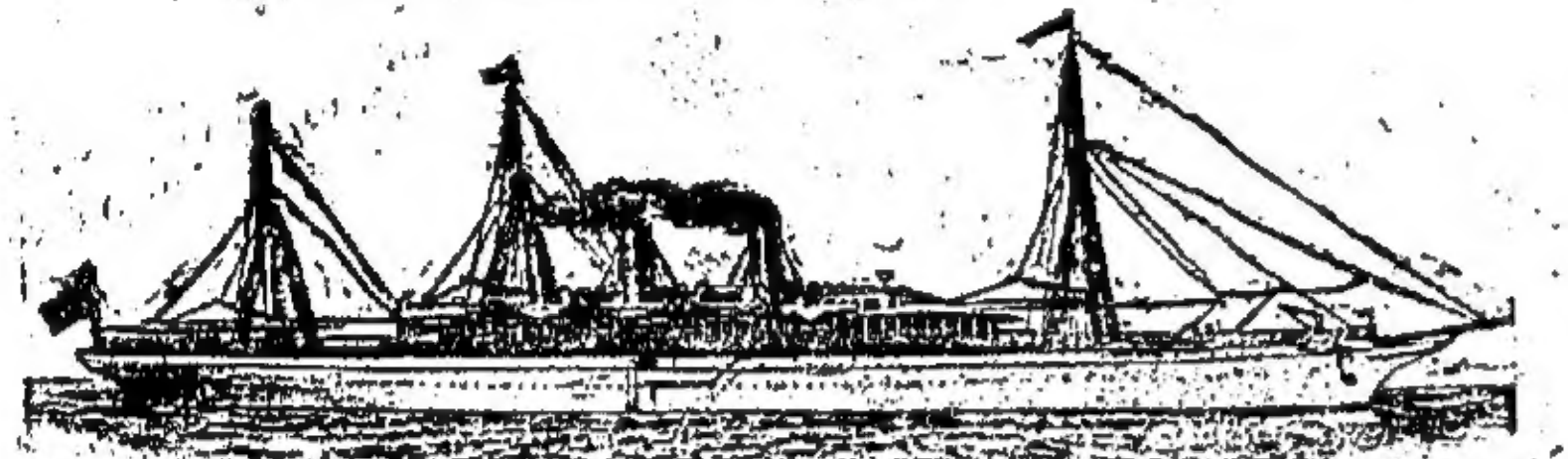
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R.M.S. ATHENIAN	3882 Tons	WEDNESDAY, Mar. 18, 1903
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THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN SCENERY of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and cuisine are unequalled.

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D. E. BROWN, General Agent,

PRINCE STREET, 1112

PORTLAND AND ASIATIC
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

LINES FROM HONGKONG, VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOBI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA; FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.

DEPARTING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP, Tons, Captain, HONGKONG.

INDRAVELLI, 4889 W. E. Craven, January 14, 1903.

INDRAPURA, 4889 A. E. Hollingsworth, February 13, 1903.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight, and further information, apply to the Company with or apply to

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1902.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers	Destinations	Sailing Dates
KUMANO MARU, Capt. W. H. HASWELL	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA THURSDAY ISLAND, Townsville and Brisbane.	THURSDAY, 1st Jan., at 4 p.m.
SANUKI MARU, W. T. WATKINS	KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	FRIDAY, 2nd Jan., at Daylight.
BOMBAY MARU, T. MURAI	BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.	FRIDAY, 2nd Jan., at Noon.
KAWACHI MARU, J. S. THOMSON	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	SATURDAY, 10th Jan., at Daylight.
TOSA MARU, A. CHRISTIANSEN	VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, U.S.A., via SHANGHAI, MOBI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	TUESDAY, 13th Jan., at 4 p.m.
YAMAGUCHI MARU, S. YOKAWA	MOBI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	TUESDAY, 13th Jan., at Noon.

Through Passenger Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada, and Europe, in connection with the Great Northern Railway and Atlantic Steamers. Round the World Tickets also issued. Between Moji and Kobe, 1st and 2nd Class Through Passengers have the option of travelling by the Sanjo Railway.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. Mihara, Manager.

Hongkong, December 29, 1902.

Shipping.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.

MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	TECHACHUS	6th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PURMETHUR	8th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	TECHACHUS	14th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	TECHACHUS	28th January.
FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON	TECHACHUS	6th January.
LONDON	TECHACHUS	8th January.
LONDON	TECHACHUS	14th January.
LONDON	TECHACHUS	28th January.
GENOA AND LIVERPOOL	TECHACHUS	21st February.
MARSEILLES AND ANTWERP	TECHACHUS	21st February.

Hongkong, December 27, 1902.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP
NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATE named—

FOR	STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	DATE
KOBE	Peking	G. R. LONGER, R.N.	January 1.
SHANGHAI	Chien	C. L. DANIEL	2nd January.
LONDON, &c.	Valetta	W. B. PALMER, R.N.	Noon, 3rd Jan.
LONDON VIA SUEZ	Bombay	H. S. BRADSHAW	Noon, 7th Jan.
PARIS, CLEBO, PORT SAID & MARSEILLES			

PASSENGER SEASON, 1903.

For MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH and LONDON DIRECT Without Transshipment. * See Special Advertisement. † For Freight only. For Freight or Passage, and further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, December 31, 1902.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship THALIS.

Captain ROBERT, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 1st January, 1903, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRANK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 29, 1902. 2679

FOR SAN FRANCISCO VIA SANTA ROSALIA (MEXICO).

THE Steamship VICTORIA.

Captain CASBY, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 1st January, 1903, at Daylight.

For Freight &c., apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1902. 2687

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship LOUNGSAW.

Captain G. S. VITAM, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 2nd January, 1903, at 4 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 30, 1902. 2686

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

FOR LONDON.

THE Steamship GLENTWOHY.

Captain E. J. SEAR, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 5th January, 1903.

For Freight, apply to MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW.

Notices to Consignees.

BARBER LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. SHIMOSA.
FROM NEW YORK, STRAITS AND
MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th Jan. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 10th Jan., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 5th Jan., at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1902. 2694

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S
STEAMER PERIN.

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—

From PERSIAN GULF ex s.s. B.I.S.N.

B. & P.S.N. Co.'s steamers.

Goods not cleared by the 4th Jan., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWITT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 29, 1902. 2688

DO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Co.'s Steamship Namsang having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from the Godowns.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m. the 31st Inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and placed into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 29, 1902. 2689

BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP BENLAVERS.

FROM LEITH, LONDON AND
STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th Jan. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 20th Jan., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 5th January, at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 29, 1902. 2683

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S
STEAMER MANILA.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT
SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here on instructions given to the contractor before 1 p.m. To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 4th Jan., at 11 a.m., will be subject to rent.

Fire Insurance will be effected in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWITT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 29, 1902. 2688

THE REVENUE OFFICE.

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Insurances.

WHAT YOU
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about a life assurance company is just what you would want to know about a bank or any other institution in which you thought of investing.

What is the company's earning ability as shown by its past history?

What is the outlook for future dividends as indicated by its accumulated surplus?

These two questions answered, and the rest is of secondary importance. Any agent of the Equitable will answer these questions—or any others—to your satisfaction.

F. KIENE, Hongkong Manager.

EQUITABLE LIFE.

14, Des Voeux Road.

Hongkong, October 21, 1902. 1265

UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

(Instituted in the Reign of Queen Anne A.D. 1714).

CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £450,000.

CAPITAL PAID UP, £180,000.

TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS EXCEED £3,459,044.

TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £1,103,883.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS of the above Society in Hongkong, are prepared to issue POLICIES against FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING & Co.,
Praya Central.

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NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1901.

£15,722,693.

Authorised Capital.....£3,000,000 0 0

Subscribed Capital.....£2,750,000 0 0

Paid-up Capital.....£287,500 0 0

Fire Funds.....£2,695,648 5 0

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 2, 1902. 1537

SALAMANDER FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept Risks against FIRE at Current Rates.

HOTZ, WJACOB & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 31, 1900. 738

ECONOMY.

THIS IS A QUESTION THAT continually confronts one in this country, when our chief object and endeavour should be to SAVE. There is no better or safer provision to be found than a Policy with

THE STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

For rate and full particulars, apply to

Messrs DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 12, 1902. 2523—3

ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE Attention of Advertisers is drawn to the Latest Hours for receiving Advertisements and Corrections to Advertisements:—

Alterations and additions to Advertisements on Pages 2, 3, 6 and 7, should be sent to this Office not later than 11 a.m. New Advertisements should be sent in before 3 p.m.

BAIN & REID.

CHINA MAIL Office, Dec. 1900.

H. F. CARMICHAEL

CONSULTING ENGINEER,
SURVEYOR AND CONTRACTOR,
QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.

TELEGRAMS: 'CARMICHAEL,' HONGKONG.

A B C Code, 4th Edition.

A I Code.

Lieber's Standard Code.

TELEPHONE, 1232.

Hongkong, July 2, 1901. 1379

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YUEN KEE CO.

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No. 17, CHIU LOONG STREET

(NEAR MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD

HONGKONG.

CHINA.

Hongkong, June 13, 1902.

ESTABLISHED

Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND—

Sterling Reserve, \$10,000,000

Silver Reserve ... 4,750,000

\$14,750,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:—

Hon. K. SHEWAN, —Chairman

A. J. RAYMOND, Esq. —Deputy Chairman

G. Balloch, Esq. C. Michelau,

Hon. C. W. Dickson. D. Meyer,

E. Goetz, Esq. H. Schubart,

G. H. Medhurst, N. A. Siebs,

Esq. H. E. Tomkins

CHIEF MANAGER:—

Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH,

MANAGER:—

Shanghai—H. M. BEVIS.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND CO.

BANKING Co., Ltd.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED

On Current Account at the rate of

cent. per annum on the daily balance

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 3 months 2½ per cent per

annum

For 6 months 3½ per cent per

annum

For 12 months 4½ per cent per

annum

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, November 13, 1902.

HONGKONG SAVING

THE business of the above

is conducted by the HONGKONG

SHANGHAI BANKING

Corporation. Rules may be

obtained on application

INTEREST ON

3½ PER CENT

on any transfer

\$100 or more

SHANGHAI

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THE LONDON

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THE UNION

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HONGKONG BRANCH

On Current Account

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Hongkong, October

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1932

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

eleven Sections, commencing from those in the body of the Shipping of

Building.
East Point.
North Point.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Laiyush (s)	Butterfield & Swire...	January 20.
Australian Ports	Lainan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	February 10.
Australian Ports	Eastern (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Jan. 9, Daylight.
Bremen, &c.	König Albert (s)	Molchers & Co....	Jan. 7, at noon.
Bremen, &c.	Prinzess Irene (s)	Molchers & Co....	Jan. 21, at Noon.
Havre and Hamburg.	Nurnberg (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	January 13.
Havre and Hamburg.	Silesia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	January 27.
Havre and Hamburg.	Wurzburg (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	February 10.
Kobe	Rekui (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	January 1.
London	Peters (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 6.
London	Antenor (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	January 20.
London	Telemachus (s)	Butterfield & Swire	February 3.
London	Prometheus (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	February 17.
London	Glenlochy (s)	McGregor Bros. & Gow	January 5.
London, &c.	Valetta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 3, at noon.
Manila	Loongsang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Jan. 2, at 4 p.m.
Manila	Rosetta Maru (s)	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Jan. 5, at noon.
Manila	Rubi (s)	Showan, Tomes & Co.	Jan. 2, at noon.
Manila	Zafiro (s)	Showan, Tomes & Co	Jan. 7, at noon.
Marseilles via Saigon.	Laos (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Jan. 12, at 1 p.m.
San Francisco, &c. Rosalia	Victoria (s)	Showan, Tomes & Co.	Jan. 1.
S'ow. Amoy & F'chow.	Hsiehling (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Jan. 2, 11 a.m.
Shanghai	Chinkiang (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	January 1.
Shanghai	Haitow (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	January 1.
Shanghai	Changchow (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	January 3.
Shanghai	Hanchow (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 3.
Shanghai	Shensi (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	January 3.
Shanghai	Kansu (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 3.
Shanghai	Whampoa (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	January 5.
Shanghai	Kwangsi (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	January 6.
S'hai and Portland, Or	Indravelli (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	January 14.
S'hai and Portland, Or	Indrapura (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	February 13.
S'pore, C'bo & B'bay.	Bombay Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 2, at noon.
S'pore, P'ang, Calcutta.	Namsang	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Jan. 7, at noon.
Swatow	Thales (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Jan. 1, Daylight.
S'ow. Amoy & Arpine	Maidzuru Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha.	January 7.
S'ow. Amoy & Tamsui	Daijin Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha.	January 4.
S'ow. Amoy & Tamsui	Daigi Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	January 11.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c.	Empress of China(s)	Canadian P'fr R. Co.	January 24.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c.	Empress of India (s)	Canadian P'fr R. Co	February 11.
Victoria via Japan, &c.	Pakling (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 24.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Victoria (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	Jan. 3.
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma	Olympia (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	January 17.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

DECEMBER 31, 1902.

Stock.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations, Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	\$ 125	all	\$662½, sales
National Bank of China, Limited	18,970	£ 10	£ 8	\$26, sellers
	29,955	£ 10	£ 8	\$26, sellers
Do. Founders' shares	750	£ 1	£ 1	\$10, sellers
MARINE INSURANCE.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$ 250	\$ 50	\$167½, sellers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$ 83.33	\$ 25	\$58, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	£ 100	£ 25	Tls. 177½
Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$ 100	\$ 20	\$1, nominal
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	\$ 250	\$ 50	\$180, buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000	\$ 100	\$ 60	\$133, sales
FIRE INSURANCE.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$ 100	20	\$84, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$ 250	50	\$345, sellers
DOCKS, ETC.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd.	50,000	\$ 50	all	\$212½
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	6,000	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$50, sales
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$40, sellers
S. C. Farquhar, Boyd & Co. Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 180, ex div., sales
STEAMBOATS, TUGS, ETC.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$25, sellers
	10,000	\$ 50	\$ 16	nominal
Harbin Steamship Co. Limited	20,000	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$30, buyers
H.K. & M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$30, sales
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£ 10	all	\$86
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	10,000	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$23, buyers
	10,000	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$13, buyers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	2,000,000	£ 1	£ 1	\$17.8, sellers
Shanghai Tug Boat Co., Ltd.	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 290, sales
Toku Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd.	8,600	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 55, sellers
Shanghai Cargo Boat Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 145, buyers
Co-operative Cargo Boat Co., Ltd.	3,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 145, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	\$ 100	all	\$86, buyers
Luxon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	\$ 100	all	\$12½, sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 73½
WHAVERIES.				
H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	30,000	\$ 50	all	\$88, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.	20,100	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 310, sales
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	\$ 100	100	\$165, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	38,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 125, sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Company	4,000	\$ 50	\$ 30	\$31, buyers
Wei-hei-wei Land & Building Co., Ltd.	3,764	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	Tls. 16
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co.	100,000	\$ 10	all	\$12
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$57
TRAMWAYS.				
H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	\$ 100	all	\$327, ex div.
MINEING.				
Jalebu Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$ 5	all	\$1½, sellers
New Puijion Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$ 10	all	\$2½, sellers
Preference shares	30,000	\$ 1	all	75 cents, sellers
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$600, sellers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	£ 1	18/10	\$8½, sales
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000	\$ 50	all	\$141, sellers
Oriente Hotel, Manila	7,000	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$37½, sellers
Astor House Hotel Ltd. (Tientsin)	2,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 140, sales
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	30,000	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$32½, sales
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	60,000	\$ 10	all	\$14½, sellers
Watkins Limited	10,000	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$7½, buyers
LIGHTING.				
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	£ 10	all	\$140, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 120, sales
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$13.10, sales & buyers
New Electric Power Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$8.65, sales & sellers
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Island Cement Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$20½, buyers
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Investment Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$14½, sellers
Indo-China Eastern Agency	8,604	£ 12/8	£ 12/8	\$1, buyers
Indo-China Oriental Agency	20,000 ordy	\$ 10	\$ 4	\$8½, sellers
Indo-China Foundry	20,000	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$155
Indo-China Company, Ltd.	20,000	\$ 50	\$ 5	\$40, sellers
Indo-China Boat Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$ 10	\$ 7	\$8.65, buyers
Indo-China	20,000	\$ 7½	all	\$11, sellers
Indo-China	20,000	\$ 25	all	\$240, sellers
Indo-China	20,000	\$ 20	£ 20	Tls. 380, buyers
Indo-China	20,000	\$ 5	\$ 5	nominal
Indo-China	20,000	\$ 50	all	\$120, buyers

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